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In re Application of:

Doris HUBLER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Serial No.: 09/719,221

Examiner: H. Nguyen

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINATION USED TO COMPENSATE FOR A
TESTOSTERONE DEFICIENCY WHILE PROTECTING THE PROSTATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A method of compensating for an absolute or relative testosterone deficiency with simultaneous prophylaxis for the development of a benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or a prostate cancer comprising administering a combination of a natural or synthetic androgen and a gestagen, an antigestagen, an antiestrogen, a GnRH analog, a testosterone-5 α -reductase inhibitor, an α -andreno-receptor blocker or a phosphodiesterase inhibitor.

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2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the natural androgen component is testosterone, testosterone undecanoate, dehydroepiandrosterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, testosterone propionate, testosterone enanthate, testosterone buciclate, testosterone cypionate or androstene dione.

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